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BASECAM: A system for using a camera within a baseball base. Invented by Whitney Fletcher, citizen of the United States of America, resident of San Carlos, California; and Kent Fletcher, citizen of the United States of America and resident of Honolulu, Hawaii.

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A system for using a baseball base with a camera during a baseball game, comprising: a baseball base having an outside surface and a viewport in a portion of said outside surface; a camera within said viewport pointed toward the field of play; and a transmitter connected to said camera and secured to said baseball base at a location other than said viewport.
2. A system according to claim 1, wherein: said viewport is at least partially filled with a vibration absorbing substance.
3. A system according to claim 1, wherein: said baseball base includes a shell and a pad inside said shell.
4. A system according to claim 1, wherein: said viewport is in said shell.
5. A system according to claim 1, further including: an antenna connected to said transmitter.
6. A system for using a baseball base with a camera during a baseball game, comprising: a baseball base having an outside surface and a viewport along a portion of said outside surface; a camera in said viewport; a transmitter connected to said camera.
7. A system according to claim 6, further including: a wire connecting said transmitter to said camera.
8. A system according to claim 6, wherein: said viewport is at least partially filled with a non-noisemaking, vibration absorbing substance.
9. A system for using a baseball base with a camera during a baseball game on a playing field, comprising: a baseball base having a visible outside surface and a bottom; a camera secured to said base such that said camera does not protrude from said visible outside surface; a transmitter inside said base, said transmitter connected to said camera.
10. A system according to claim 9, further including: an antenna, said antenna connected to said transmitter.

11. A system according to claim 9, further including: a conductor connecting said transmitter to said camera,
12. A system according to claim 1, wherein: said base includes a viewport along a portion of said visible outside surface; said camera is secured within said viewport; and said viewport is at least partially filled with a vibration absorbing substance.
13. A system according to claim 12, wherein: said baseball base includes a shell, a pad inside said shell and a baseplate; and said camera and transmitter are contained within said shell, pad and baseplate.
14. A system for using baseball bases with cameras during a baseball game on a playing field, comprising: a first baseball base having a first visible outside surface and a first bottom; a first camera secured to said first baseball base such that said first camera does not protrude from said first visible outside surface; a first transmitter inside said first base, said first transmitter connected to said first camera and at least one receiver; a second baseball base having a second visible outside surface and a second bottom; a second camera secured to said second baseball base such that said second camera does not protrude from said second visible outside surface; a second transmitter inside said second base, said second transmitter connected to said second camera and at least one receiver; a third baseball base having a third visible outside surface and a third bottom; a third camera secured to said third baseball base such that said third camera does not protrude from said third visible outside surface; a third transmitter inside said third base, said third transmitter connected to said third camera and at least one receiver.
15. A system according to claim 14, wherein: said first baseball base includes a first shell, a first viewport in said first shell, a first pad inside said first shell and a first baseplate; said first camera is secured within said first viewport; a system according to claim 14, wherein: said second baseball base includes a second shell, a second viewport in said second shell, a second pad inside said second shell and a second baseplate; said second camera is secured within said second viewport; a system according to claim 14, wherein: said third baseball base includes a third shell, a third viewport in said third shell, a third pad inside said third shell and a third baseplate; said third camera is secured within said third viewport;
16. A system according to claim 1, wherein compressed gas is used to clear the front of said camera of dirt or debris.
17. A system according to claim 16 further including a cylinder containing the compressed gas.
18. A system according to claim 16 further including a valve attached to said cylinder.

19. A system according to claim 16 further including a control mechanism attached to said valve.
20. A system according to claim 16 further including a transmitter which controls said mechanism attached to said valve.
21. A system according to claim 16 for delivering said compressed gas from said valve to said camera by plastic tubing.
22. A system according to claim 10 for directing said compressed gas onto the front of the lens of said camera.
23. A system according to claim 16 comprising a cylinder containing compressed gas, a valve attached to said cylinder, a control mechanism attached to said valve, a transmitter which controls said mechanism attached to said valve, plastic tubing attached to said valve which leads to the front of said camera and contained within said first baseplate and extending to said first camera by means of said plastic tubing and directed onto the front of said first camera lens.
24. A system according to claim 16 comprising a cylinder containing compressed gas, a valve attached to said cylinder, a control mechanism attached to said valve, a transmitter which controls said mechanism attached to said valve, plastic tubing attached to said valve which leads to the front of said camera and contained within said second baseplate and extending to said second camera by means of said plastic tubing and directed onto the front of said second camera lens.
- 25 A system according to claim 16 comprising a cylinder containing compressed gas, a valve attached to said cylinder, a control mechanism attached to said valve, a transmitter which controls said mechanism attached to said valve, plastic tubing attached to said valve which leads to the front of said camera and contained within said third baseplate and extending to said third camera by means of said plastic tubing and directed onto the front of said third camera lens.